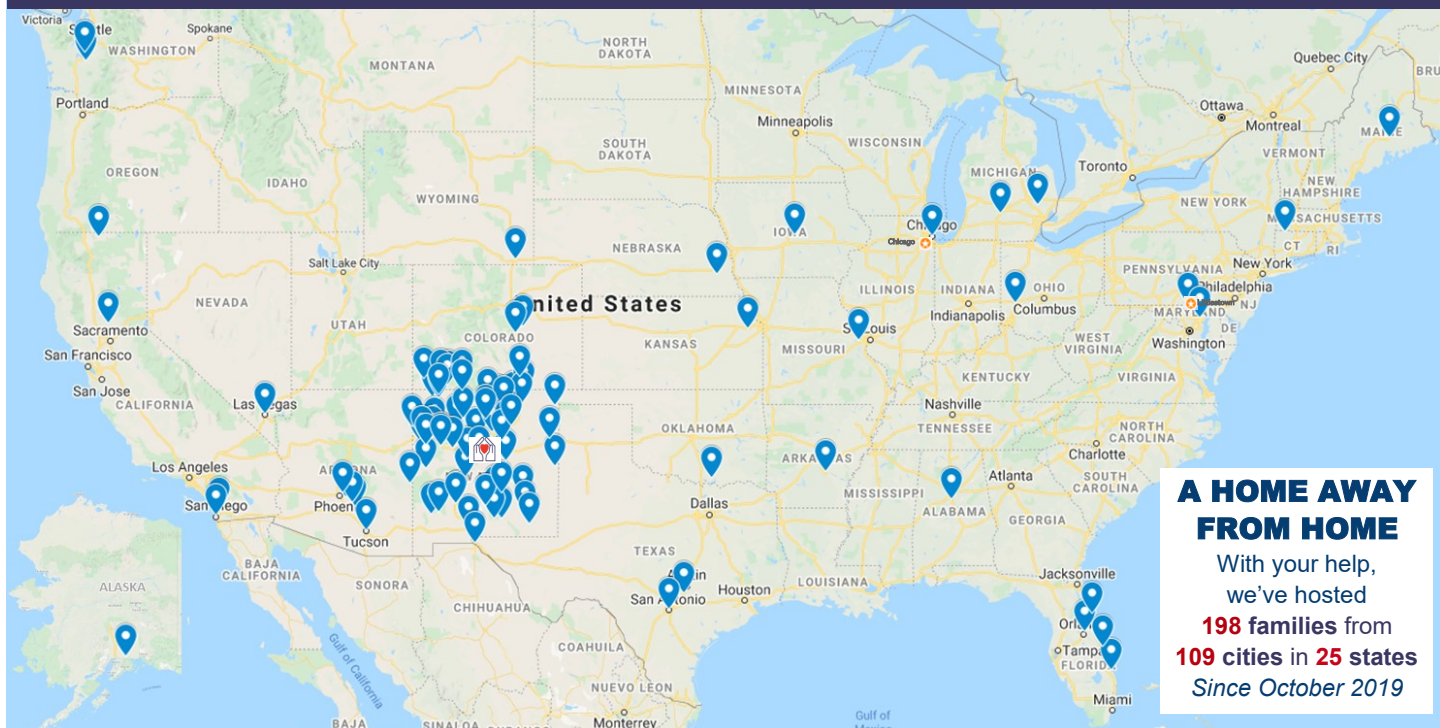




ALBUQUERQUE FISHER HOUSE

Because A Family's Love is Good Medicine
Est. October 2019



Messages From Our Guests—JULY 2021

Albuquerque Fisher House Guest Journal



The Fisher House is such a beautiful place to stay.

My husband is a veteran (Navy) and is currently in the hospital (VA).

I never knew this place was available to the families of sick vets. The location makes it easier and closer to the VA hospital.

I admire the Fisher family who began the Fisher Foundation. Hopefully many families of sick veterans hear about this Fisher House. Not having to charge for a room is such a wonderful, remarkable, admirable gesture by the Fisher family.

I plan on spreading the word to people I know who are Vets and their families as to the ~~availability~~ availability of the beautiful place. Accommodations are clean, comfortable, quiet and very welcoming. Totally enjoyed my stay! Absolutely Amazing! ♥

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We are so grateful that Fisher House was available to us during my husband's recent hospital stay. Being able to walk to the hospital various times during the day for training on his many medical procedures has allowed us to go home in 4 weeks instead of several months. Fisher House is a beautiful facility, kept in pristine condition. It provides a peaceful haven when all else is turmoil and stress.

The heart of Fisher House is the staff. Always a friendly greeting, an offer of assistance, directions to a good hair salon, printing insurance forms or just making a meal for all who want it seem like small things but in a hectic medical event can be huge. So many times during our stay they have taken time to listen to our progress, set backs, and fears. We can't say thank you enough.



OCCUPANCY TOTALS

JUL 2021: 26 Families

OCT 2020-PRESENT:

103 Families

SINCE OPENING OCT2019:

198 Families

LODGING COSTS SAVED BY FAMILIES

JUL 2021: \$14,496

OCT 2020-PRESENT:

\$66,816

SINCE OPENING OCT2019:

\$291,648

AVERAGE STAY

JUL 2021: 5 days, which saved families almost \$500 in lodging costs.

The longest stay this month: 29 days. If they had stayed at a local hotel, it would have cost almost \$2,800.

WISH LIST

Please feel free to call the Fisher House at 505-265-1711 x3180 to ask what we need this month.

GIFT CARDS

Gift cards are especially helpful because they allow for immediate stocking of refrigerated and pantry items. \$25 gift cards will be distributed directly to a family so they can purchase a meal or items they need during their stay.

- \$100-500 Visa / Amazon Gift Cards
- \$25 Restaurant / Food Delivery / Grocery / Visa Gift Cards

INDIVIDUALLY PORTIONED FOOD AND DRINK

Face masks

V-8 Juice Cans (Flavored / Regular)

Meal Prep/Storage Containers

Juice (Apple, Orange, Cranberry)

Frozen meals and entrees

AMAZON SMILE WISH LIST

Use Amazon Smile and designate 0.5% of your purchase to go to the **Friends of New Mexico Fisher House**
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28F9P22NXJZDY?ref=wl_share

- Amazon Wish List provides an idea of what's being requested. Feel free to shop for these items elsewhere.
- Remember to email us if you send your donation via mail.

**ALL DONATIONS
MUST BE NEW, UNUSED**

The Albuquerque Fisher House received **10 donations** valued at over **\$2,280** from generous groups and individuals. Monetary donations such as checks are deposited into the Fisher House's VA General Post Fund; gift cards are used to purchase groceries or given directly to our families. In-kind donations such as care packages or items from our Wish List keep families comforted during their stay here.

Thank you to this month's donors:

- Arlene Vender: Magazine Subscription for Guests
- Dr. Katrina Hansen-Schmitt: Farm Fresh Eggs
- Focus Group: Gifts for Guests
- Friends of New Mexico Fisher House: Gift Card, Pantry Items, Volunteer Grocery Shopper
- Jonathan, Lauraina, and Debbie Roybal (pictured right): Pantry Items
- Olga Loomis: Pantry Items
- Posa's Tamale Factory & Tamale Patrol: Pantry Items



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

ROYBAL FAMILY



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR FISHER HOUSE FAMILIES

- ✓ Live **50 miles** from the NMVAMC
- ✓ **Family member/caregiver** of an inpatient Veteran/Service member
- ✓ **Actively engaged** and needed for bedside support
- ✓ **Medically stable**, not under a doctor's care
- ✓ **Independent** and able to live in a shared home
- ✓ **Living in permanent, stable housing** (not homeless)
- ✓ **Is free from communicable illness** (flu, chicken pox, etc.)
- ✓ **Abides by the Guest Agreements and Rules**
- ✓ **Due to COVID19**, families must also be screened, be symptom-free, and not had exposure to COVID19.